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PRICE ONE CENT

Chicago Men Have Started the Fashion of Wearing Overalls. They Probably Carry Chewing Gum instead of Plug Tobacco in the Hip Pocket

CALL TO ARMS MANY LOCAL BOYS ON WAR ROSTER

Bennington Boys in the Ranks and Reserve

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Served on Mexican border. Reserve and now in Torrington, Conn.
Church, Raymond, Fort Ethan Allen, 1916. Reserve.
Dunham, Frank, North Bennington. Band master, 1st Vermont.
Clements, Harold, Regular army.
Daley, Joseph, North Bennington, U. S. navy, fireman. Called to Fort Ethan Allen.
Daley, Clarence, enlisted in New York city.
Daley, Hubert, enlisted in New York city.
Dowdell, Frank, Schenectady, Fort Ethan Allen. Reserve.
Dercher, Thomas, Fort Ethan Allen, 1916. Reserve.
Douglas, Thomas, Fort Ethan Allen, 1916. Reserve.
Elwell, Ivan, Served with Minnesota Field Artillery. Reserve.
Ellsworth, Huling, Pennsylvania national guard.
English, Thomas, Fort Ethan Allen. Reserve. Now in Burlington.
English, William, Fort Ethan Allen. Reserve.
Field, Durell, U. S. navy.
Gillas, Lester C., 6th Infantry. Has been in continuous service for 15 years.
Gregg, John, U. S. Navy. 2nd term.
Gratton, Fred, Co. A, 1st Vt. Rutland.
Griswold, Arthur, U. S. Navy. Havana.
Gould, Thomas, Reported Thursday at Washington, D. C. Inspector of Kitchens.
Hackett, Joseph, Ambulance corps in Philippines.
Hopkinson, Harry, Co. I, 1st Vt. Now in Brattleboro.
Howe, Edmund P., Dartmouth, 1916. Co. I, 1st Vt.
Hunter, Ivan, 1st Vt. Band.
Hitchcock, Guy, Annapolis, 1912. Lieutenant. Now on shore duty at Boston organizing recruits.
Hare, Irving D., Plattsburgh, 1916. Leaves Sunday for officers' training camp at Plattsburgh.
Harbour, Earl, U. V. M. U. S. Engineering corp.
Hamilton, James, Co. A, Rutland. Reserve.
Honker, Clarence, Called May 1 to serve in coast artillery.
Jones, Harry, Fort Ethan Allen, 1916. Reserve.
Kelly, Thomas, Mexican border.
Kelly, William, Mexican border.
Kennedy, William, U. S. S. Arkansas.
King, Alfred, Fort Ethan Allen, 1916. Reserve.
Larsh, Napoleon, shot in jaw in France. Now in hospital in Paris, Ontario.
Kip, John, Co. A, 1st Vt. Rutland.
Keeler, Frank, S. B. H. S., 1912. R. P. I, 1916. 22nd regiment, N. Y. N. G. Engineers' corps.
Lyons, John, instructor in Naval school, Newport News.
LaValley, James, Co. M, Connecticut national guard. Now in Torrington, Conn.
La Franchise, Raymond E., Coast Artillery.
Lane, John D. M. D., 2nd. Lieut. Bangor, Me.
Leonard, John N., Naval Reserve, Williams 1915.
Lynch, Harry, Co. E, 1st Vt. Now in Bellows Falls.
Mathers, Isaac, Motorcycle squad on Mexican border. Mathers, Frank, Mexican border. Both were in the punitive expedition.
Mattison, Park, Machinist in New Haven navy yard.
McGovern, Vincent, North Bennington. Non-commissioned officer in Canadian contingent. Now in France.
Myers, John, Shaftsbury, Fort Ethan Allen, 1916. Reserve.
Nash, Leo T., Co. E, 1st Vt. Bellows Falls. Served on Mexican border. Reserve.
Purcell, John, Fort Ethan Allen, 1916. Reserve.
Purcell, Joseph, Co. B, 5th Ohio. Served on Mexican border 1916.
Sigwarth, Earl, U. S. Navy.
Reddy, Frank, U. S. navy. Now in California.
Sparrow, Winfield, Canadian army. Last heard of in Aldershot, England, December 1915.
Smith, James, Bennington Falls, Co. M, Hoosick Falls. Served on Mexican border.
Sutton, James, Naval Reserve. Boston.
Shippey, George, Co. A, 10th Infantry. Camp Atis, Lacasse, Canal Zone.
Stewart, Thomas, U. S. Cavalry, Texas.
Stewart, George, U. S. S. Baltimore in Norfolk navy yard.
Summer, Claude, Engineers' corps in Canal Zone.
Tobin, E. A., North Bennington, Captain in Medical Corps, Plattsburgh.
Vetal, Fred, Fort Ethan Allen, 1916. Reserve.
Wellington, Barrett, Plattsburgh officers' training camp, May 12.
White, Marvin, Fort Ethan Allen, 1916. Reserve.

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WHEAT TRADING ON CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE OFF

Directors Decide to Discourage Gambling on May Crop

180,000 BUSHELS ON MARKET

Said That Fear of Federal Action
Caused Halt in Wild
Speculation.

Chicago, May 11.—Trading in May wheat was ordered discontinued by directors of the Chicago Board of Trade tonight. The directors also decided that existing contracts should be adjudicated either by delivery of the property, or at a selling price to be fixed by a committee appointed for the purpose. This committee is headed by James A. Patten and will meet tomorrow morning.

May wheat was quoted at \$3.18 at the close of trading today. Traders said there was no way of estimating the effect of the order on trades existing. The amount of wheat on this market was said to be 180,000 bushels Saturday and that probably the amount now here was short of those figures.

It was current among members of the board that action by the federal authorities in the last few days—and particularly earlier in the day, had hastened the action of the board of directors. None of these at the meeting would confirm or deny that it had been intimated to board officials that some action to curb speculating prices of wheat should be taken or government officials would close the board. It was admitted that several members had been summoned to the office of the federal district attorney in the morning, and others again in the afternoon, but it was said no threats had been made or intimated. It also was admitted that government agents had been in the trading pit of the board for several days taking notes on the trades.

"The board of directors were prompted in reaching their conclusions by what they deemed to be their patriotic duty," said Joseph P. Griffin, president of the Board of Trade. "True, this action is without precedent in the history of this exchange, although other exchanges in this country have taken similar action. It should be understood that the Board of Trade is neither a buyer nor a seller—it is merely a market place where meet daily the millions of producers and consumers throughout the country."

"I should like to emphasize that speculation has nothing whatever to do with the action of the directors in deciding to abandon trading in May wheat, nor is speculation in any sense responsible for the high prices prevailing for May wheat or the cash article."

JOFFRE IN BOSTON

Parade of 20,000 Reviewed by Marshal of France.

Boston, May 12.—Marshal Joffre arrived here today from New York by special train. He reviewed a parade of 20,000 and appeared before a joint session of the legislature.

The marshal and party visited Faneuil hall where an address was made by Gov. McCall and the presentation was made to the New England fund of \$150,000 for the relief of the French orphans.

From Boston the French commission will go directly to Canada.

TURMOIL IN RUSSIA

Soldiers and Workmen Decline to Join Coalition Cabinet.

Petrograd, May 12.—By a vote of 22 to 23 the representatives of the soldiers and workmen's committees declined to take part in a coalition cabinet.

The peasantry are taking things in their own hands and the request of the members of the Duma to wait until a government has been established are being ignored.

More than 150,000,000 acres have been seized and divided by the peasants who refuse to wait for a breaking up of the large estates by the government.

German agents have added to the chaotic condition by going among the soldiers and telling them that they will not receive their shares of the land unless they desert from the army while the partition is being made.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

TO RENT—Tenement, \$9 per month. Apply to Mrs. B. G. Slade. Tel. 167-M.

LOST—Black silk umbrella, carved handle. In some of the stores on Main St., or post office. Finder please return to 204 Union St., and receive reward. 8912

FOR SALE—Twenty bushels of seed barley. H. N. Dyer. Phone 183-31. 8916*

ROBERT KNIGHT Died Friday Night at Residence on Valentine Street

The death of Robert Knight, a resident of Bennington since 1907, and a frequent visitor in town for many years before that date, died Friday night at his home on Valentine street. He had been practically an invalid for over two years, death being due to heart trouble.

Robert Knight was born in Brooklyn 72 years ago and passed his early life there. He was engaged in that city in the manufacture of art goods and on retiring from business, came to Bennington. In June 1903, he married Miss Mary Norton, daughter of the late Edward Norton. He then went to Lansdale, Pa., where he was in business with his nephew, Robert K. Storey for some years, returning to Bennington in 1907 and remaining here since.

The deceased had many friends here before he took up his residence in town, having visited his nephew, Dr. George B. Dawson, formerly pastor of the Baptist church, as long ago as 1900. Mr. Knight was a member of the Washington avenue Baptist church in Brooklyn and was a prominent Mason, belonging to Mt. Anthony lodge, F. & A. M., Temple chapter, Bennington council and Taft Commandery, K. T.

He leaves, besides his widow, a brother, Charles Knight, of New York city and two sisters, Mrs. Robert K. Storey and Mrs. George H. Hope, both of Brooklyn. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the house. Rev. W. G. Toward will officiate.

81 FROM VERMONT

Young Men From This State in Camp at Plattsburgh.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., May 9.—Of the 2,500 men from the New England states recommended for commissions in the officers' reserve corps, 81 are from Vermont. They have been directed by Brian Lee-General Edwards, commander of the department of the Northwest, to report at the officers' training camp here not later than Saturday. The men selected from Vermont are as follows:

Wade C. Gatchell, Northfield.
Charles S. Parker, Burlington.
John P. West, Rutland, (not commissioned.)
H. W. Hatchelder, Burlington.
C. M. Caldwell, Burlington.
W. H. Harlowe, Montpelier.
T. G. Haskell, Derby, Line.
F. E. Kellogg, Burlington.
J. C. O'Donnell, Bellows Falls.
M. W. Thomas, Burlington.
J. A. Laumore, St. Johnsbury.
W. C. McGinnis, North Troy.
R. N. Blake, Burlington.
A. A. Coleman, Middlebury.
V. L. Durgee, Albany.
M. H. Gleason, Wardsboro.
R. W. McCuen, Vergennes.
Roderick W. Smith, Burlington.
Edward A. White, Rutland.
Howard E. Camp, Burlington.
William F. Littlefield, Barre.
George F. MacDonald, Northfield.
Allen B. MacMurphy, Northfield.
Richard B. Spaulding, Rutland.
Charles L. Brown, Barre.
Guy E. Chamberlin, Burlington.
F. R. Jellison, Burlington.
Lloyd J. Woodward, Burlington.
John S. Barker, St. Johnsbury.
Wayne E. Davis, Rutland.
Carl J. Dookler, Proctor.
Brigham W. MacFarland, Hyde Park.

L. M. Ramsey, Fort Ethan Allen.
H. Brahana, Lowell.
Thomas F. Bresnahan, Middlebury.
Carl W. Davis, Middlebury.
J. M. Everts, Windsor.
L. I. Harvey, St. Johnsbury.
George Hinman, St. Johnsbury.
E. H. Hubbard, Middlebury.
Carl B. Olson, Northfield.
R. L. Greene, St. Albans.
Clifford H. Shinn, Northfield.
A. J. Webster, Northfield.
R. W. Wheeler, Rutland.
George W. Furbush, Jr., Northfield.
Charles E. Hall, Brandon.
Charles B. Keith, Northfield.
E. A. Mosley, Winooski.
T. W. Robertson, Northfield.
Howard W. Adams, Vergennes.
Frederick V. Burgess, Burlington.
Herbert B. Comings, Rishford.
Herbert D. Gibson, Northfield.
Eugene K. Kingston, Northfield.
James W. Linnahan, Burlington.
Edward H. Marsh, Jr., Northfield.
Ralph L. Shangraw, Northfield.
Arthur T. Vaughn, Middlebury.
J. P. West, Rutland, (no commission.)

O. R. Bennett, Jr., Manchester.
H. H. Cameron, Northfield.
E. B. Dawson, Rutland.
George E. Washburne, Proctor.
Neal W. Carpenter, Northfield.
Raymond J. Cushman, Burlington.
H. W. Richmond, Northfield.
R. D. Sawyer, Burlington.
Robert J. Sanley, Jr., Burlington.
William T. Teachout, Essex Jct.
Chester C. Thomas, Rutland.
Amos C. Tomlin, Northfield.
William G. Wilson, East Dorset.
Willard J. Freeman, Burlington.
J. B. Hart, Proctorsville.
A. G. Hunt, Vergennes.
N. Noyes, St. Johnsbury.
A. A. Ogston, Northfield.
S. W. Pilegor, Fort Ethan Allen.
H. H. Powers, Burlington.
Loren O. Watts, Waterbury.
Irving Hare, Bennington.

EAST ARLINGTON

The Rev. Bernard Braskamp of Washington, D. C., will preach in Olivet church next Sunday morning, May 13.

SPARGO TO SEE PRESIDENT

Member of Committee to Urge Adoption of Suffrage Amendment.

John Spargo, of Old Bennington, left this morning for Washington, where he will visit the white house as a member of a national delegation to urge the president to secure the passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the Federal constitution, giving women the right to vote on equal terms with men.

The delegation will consist of representatives of all the parties, the chairman being J. A. Hopkins, national treasurer of the progressive party. Other members are: Hon. David L. Walsh, democrat; Hon. E. A. Tamm, republican; John Spargo, socialist; Dr. Ira Landrith, prohibitionist; Miss Mabel Vernon, national woman's party; Mrs. V. Boardman Whitehouse, national woman's suffrage association and Samuel Gompers, American Federation of Labor.

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BIG GERMAN LOSS IN EFFORTS TO REGAIN GROUND

Haig and Nivelle Repulse Strong German Attacks

LENS AND LAON THE OBJECTIVE

Germans Use Liquid Fire in Attempt to Take British Positions.

London, May 12.—Bitter attacks by the troops of Crown Prince Rupprecht and the German crown prince are being made against the positions vital to the defenses of Lens and Laon, held by the British and French. Field Marshal Haig and General Nivelle are holding their recent gains and throwing back the attacking Germans with heavy losses.

South of the Somme river, one of the natural barriers to Lens, the Germans have made a third attempt to recapture the positions taken by the British Thursday and for a third time have been thrown back. A momentary footing was won by Prince Rupprecht's men, aided by liquid fire, in the new British positions, but a brilliant counter-attack recovered these lost trenches and left the British line unharmed.

Around Cerny-en-Laonnois, on the plateau overlooking the Ailette river and only nine miles south of Laon, an important link in the German defensive system in France, the German Crown Prince is expending his manpower freely, but ineffectually, in an attempt to regain lost ground. Throwing his men in waves against the French on both sides of the village he succeeded only in gaining about 200 yards of an advanced element, but his gain was short lived, as a French counter-attack immediately evicted the Germans.

NEWBURGH GREETES JOFFRE

Thousands Hail Frenchman at Washington's Headquarters.

Newburgh, May 11.—Newburgh, rich in historical interest of Revolutionary days, opened its gates and its hearts today to General Joffre, marshal of France, when he came to visit Washington's headquarters as the guest of the state of New York. The city thought it made history during the Hudson-Pulton celebration in 1909 but a new and brighter page was turned when Governor Charles S. Whitman welcomed Marshal Joffre in the name of the people of the state and declared he expressed their highest sentiment.

FIRE ON MOTOR BOAT

Operator of Craft Refuses to Halt Near Brattleboro Bridge.

Brattleboro, May 11.—The first shot fired by a guard on duty near Brattleboro was fired north of the town by a guard who had commanded the operator of a motor boat, about to pass under the bridge he was guarding, to halt. The operator laughed and continued and the guard fired in front of the boat. As the boat did not stop he fired a second time, the bullet going through the side of the boat and the motor was almost simultaneously stopped.

After the young man had explained his reason for passing under the bridge he was allowed to proceed with a warning as to his future conduct when ordered to halt.

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H. FRANK WHITE DIES SUDDENLY Found Dead in Bed Friday Morning at Home of Nephew

H. Frank White, aged 65, died suddenly Friday morning at the home of his nephew, Harry M. White on Union street. He was found dead in his bed about 7 o'clock, the family becoming alarmed at his non-appearance for breakfast. He had been in poor health for two years, but was able to work most of the time, having been at work Thursday at the Black Cat Textiles company.

He lived in Troy before he came to Bennington about two years ago. Since that time he made his home with his nephew. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Baptist church. He married Alice Anselment in Troy; her death occurred in 1913.

Surviving are one brother, Luman S. White, of North Bennington, three sisters, Mrs. Hattie Worthington and Mrs. Elsie Britton, both of Chicago, and Mrs. Corinna Dobbin of Shushan, also one daughter, Lillian May of Troy, and four sons, Frank and Harvey of Troy, Earl of Schenectady and Clarence of Chicago. The last named is a member of the United States army.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the house and the body will be taken to Cranberry Creek, N. Y., Monday for interment.

CARTER PRIZE SPEAKING

Awards to Eleanor Hutton and to Fred Beecher.

The annual public speaking contest for the Huling Carter prizes of five dollars in gold to the winning boy and girl was held Friday evening in the high school assembly hall. The prizes were awarded to Miss Eleanor Hutton, who read an essay entitled, "Maurice Maeterlinck," and to Fred Beecher, whose oration was on "Canada's Response to England's Call." The judges were Mrs. George S. Mills, Lester H. Nichols and William D. Pelley.

Not only the winning essays, but all those delivered were excellent and met with hearty applause from the large number present. Three of the other essays were connected with the great war, Carl Chase speaking on "The Devotion of Belgium"; Miss Amanda Fitzgerald on "American Relief Work in Belgium" and Miss Florence Godfrey on "The Work Being Done in Belgium to Re-educate the Wounded." Howard Estes' speech was entitled, "Efficiency."

Miss Dorothy Patchin rendered a piano solo and Leo Ryan played a violin selection. The high school orchestra furnished music while the judges made their decision. Raymond Percy, president of the senior class, presided.

DIAZ REPORTED SLAIN

Nephew of Former President of Mexico the Victim.

El Paso, May 11.—A report that Felix Diaz, nephew of the former president of Mexico, had been shot and killed by General Calmoyora, a former Zapata commander, was brought to a Mexican government secret service agents by a Mexican from southern Mexico. This statement was made officially today by Andres Garcia, inspector general of Mexican consulates in the United States.

The Mexican said the shooting occurred in April. United States army intelligence department officers here have also received the report, but have been unable to obtain confirmation. They are inclined to doubt its authenticity.

SCORES FOOD GAMBLERS

Asst. Sec. Vrooman Charges Lobbying By a Few Vultures.

Washington, May 11.—Sensational charges that the lobby of "food gamblers, some of them men of immense wealth," already is at work in Washington seeking to defeat the administration food control bills, were made tonight in a formal statement by Assistant Secretary Vrooman of the department of agriculture. Secretary Vrooman's statement follows:

"Never in the history of the world have business men shown as much patriotism and unselfishness as have been manifested since the war began by the business men of America. An overwhelming majority of them have been as ready to place their business organizations and their personal services and their wealth at the disposal of the federal government in this crisis as the young men have been to do the actual fighting."

"However, this attitude has not been universal. There are food speculators, food cornerers and food gamblers, some of them men of immense wealth and others of very small means, who are today taking advantages of war conditions to exploit their fellow citizens to the full extent of their ability."

PRESS CENSORSHIP LOSES

Rejected by Senate in Committee of the Whole by One Vote.

Washington, May 12.—By a vote of 39 to 38 the senate in committee of the whole today rejected the provision of the espionage bill establishing a censorship of the press.

Unless the senate in session reverses this action the president will not be empowered to restrict criticism of the administration during the war as desired by the attorney-general.

DELEGATION NAMED BY PRESIDENT FOR RUSSIA

Elihu Root Receives Powers of Special Envoy

COMMISSION PERSONNEL VARIED

Will Urge Russia Against German
Intrigues and to Hold Fast to
Peace Pact.

Washington, May 11.—Official announcement today of the personnel of the American commission to Russia marked a forward step in President Wilson's effort to thwart German intrigues for a separate peace with the new democracy and to hold the provisional government fast to the cause of the world against Prussian autocracy.